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Spring sports programs get ready for 2009 season



in the next few weeks, spring sports teams at Grayling High School will battle weather issues, uneven practice schedules, and the interruption of spring break during their preparation for the upcoming 2009 season. 18

Grayling bowler rolls near perfect game



An avid Grayling bowler scored a near perfect game earlier this month and hopes his accomplishment will prompt others to get into the sport. Jan Thayer bowled a 299 game, one pin short of a perfect game, on March 3 during the City Association Tournament at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes. 1B

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Grayling man receives plea deal for 2007 hit and run fatality

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A Grayling Township man escaped a potential 15-year prison sentence with a plea deal for a hit and run fatality that resulted in the death of a Mio man just over two years ago.

William Roger Gildner Jr., 48, plead guilty to operating without security (automobile insurance) and operating without a valid dri-

ver's license on Thursday. A charge of operating under the influence of liquor causing death was dropped by Crawford County Prosecutor Everette "Trey" Ayers for the agreement. The charge carried a 15-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

The charges stem from a fatal hit and run accident that caused the death of Neil Louis Pearce, 50, of Mio, on Jan. 17, 2007.

Pearce was struck by Gildner's pickup truck while he was walking

on M-72 West near the Grayling Hospital for Animals. Pearce's body was not discovered lying in a snowbank until the next morning.

Gildner faces one year in jail and a \$200 to \$500 fine for the operating without security charge and 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine for operating without a valid driver's license.

Gildner will be sentenced by 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen in April.

Gildner was scheduled for a

three-day jury trial slated to begin on Monday, March 23.

According to court records, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Chmielewski, Shawn Alexander and Jimmy Parker were able to track down Gildner just hours after Pearce was found, from paint and debris left from his pickup truck taken into evidence at the accident scene.

Chmielewski took parts of a See **GRAYLING MAN** 19A

Meetings slated for final ORV ordinance input by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold two upcoming meetings to gather input on a proposal that could land an ORV ordinance covering county roads.

Crawford County Commissioner Scott Hanson said an informational meeting on the ORV ordinance will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at the Crawford County Courthouse.

At the meeting, Hanson said a map was developed by Crawford County Road Commission officials and Susan Thiel, forest manager for Michigan Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Grayling Forest Unit. The map will link up some county roads with existing ORV trails in Grayling Charter Township and Frederic Township, a trail in South Branch Township that includes a loop coming in from Roscommon County and a trail in Lovells Township that has a loop coming in from Oscoda County. A second map would utilize some snowmobile trails to link to the ORV trails.

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Positions on senior center relocation to fish hatchery pushed as petition deadline looms

was marked at \$250.

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Friends and foes of moving the Grayling Senior Center to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building are striving to get across their views as the deadline for a referendum on funding for the project nears.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging Board held two educational and informational meetings last week regarding moving the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery building. The meetings were held in conjunction with the congregate meals served at the senior center.

Site and floor plans for the building were provided for the senior citizens to view.

Alice Snyder, director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging, said that having additional space will allow the senior center to offer more services and recreational activities including fishing, nature trails and outdoor barbecues. The relocation will also allow the senior center to be located in a park system that includes the fish hatchery grounds and Grayling Charter Township's Nature Park. Finally, Snyder said the commission on aging would be able to modernize one of the community's historic buildings on riverfront property that the senior community along with their friends and families can utilize.

"The informational and educational meetings have been met with positive responses," Snyder said.

For the last year and a half, the Crawford County Commission on Aging has been studying the potential of moving its senior center to the fish hatchery or other loca-

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

About a dozen church youth group members from the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church hit the streets of Grayling on Saturday to collect food for the shelves at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center during an event called Sound Off for Poverty. Above, Ann Hamlin, Jo Hamlin and Sarah Goodyear are pictured by the tailgate of a pickup truck after dropping off some food and health care items collected during the group's food scavenger hunt.

Youth group collects food during Sound Off for Poverty event

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

About a dozen church youth group members hit the streets of Grayling on Saturday to collect food for the shelves at the Crawford County Community

Christian Help Center. The youngsters from

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church were taking part in a statewide event called Sound Off for Poverty, sponsored by Love Inc., which stands for Love in the Name of Christ.

The youth stayed at the church from Saturday morning until after Sunday services were

over. As part of the weekend, the youth learned about living in poverty, simulated feeding a family on just a few dollars, learned about the power of compassion and the risks of living in poverty and the assets of helping others become free from pover-

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COOR ISD board member earns award

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Students who wonder why they have to go to school might be happy to know that they are not alone. Crawford, Ogemaw Oscoda and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) board member Bernie Dosch spends plenty of time in class.

In fact, you could say that she made the honor roll. Dosch, a Crawford County resident, recently received the Master Platinum Award the Michigan from Association of School Boards.

To receive this award, a school official must complete 19 advanced level classes relating to the education world and a total of 813 education credits.

Advanced classes range in topic from ethical challenges and community relations to understanding important laws and good financial practices.

"We're very, very proud to have her as part of our board," COOR Superintendent Bob Jones said.

Although Jones emphasized that COOR ISD board



Bernie Dosch (left) receives the Master Platinum Award from Robert Carpenter, President of the COOR ISD Board of Education (right). "It's nice to be acknowledged," Dosch said.

members who do not have the time to pursue extra education are all highly qualified, having a few members go the extra mile can be a big help.

"Certainly, it is encouraged if a person wants to gain more knowledge," Jones said. "I'm very supportive of it because an investment in education at the governance level really pays off."

For Dosch, exercising her brain was something of a no-brainer.

"I think it's incumbent on a board member to know and learn all you can to be a better board member," she

After spending 17 years on the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) board and 13 on the COOR ISD board, Dosch is someone who is likely to know what it takes to lead effectively.

"I think, in order to get out of the cycle of poverty, education is extremely important," Dosch said.

Her new award doesn't even show the whole picture. Dosch is so committed to her role that she has attended national education meetings in Washington,

D.C. "There's all kinds of

needs in the district," she said.

For Dosch, addressing these needs is her real motivation.

"I didn't work towards the award. I just worked because I think that's important," she said.

Nonetheless, she may see more recognition in the future. There is one higher award level, called the President's Award Recognition. It requires 1,383 education credits. Given the chance, she just might get it.

"I'm running for the board again in May," Dosch

School Board OKs new hires, resignations

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Two relatively new faces to the Crawford AuSable School District will step down from their teaching positions at the end of the school year.

The Crawford AuSable School Board accepted the resignations of Grayling High School teachers Brett Craven and Darvin Powell at its regular monthly meeting last week.

Craven is a first-year language arts teacher with the school district who plans to relocate to the Grand Rapids area where he has a

home and hopes to find a teaching position.

Powell is a building trades and wood technologies instructor at the high school. Powell has been commuting from Bay City since he took the position and wants to spend more time with family than on

the road. "It's just getting to be too much of a burden for his family life," said Crawford AuSable School District

Superintendent Joe Powers. Craven's position will not be filled due to declining enrollment and declining school funding, Powers

said. The building trades

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position will be filled by Jeff Koehler, a special education teacher qualified to teach building trades, and by potentially working with Kirtland Community College to provide instruction to students. In other action, the board

agreed to hire Cyndi Powers as the Grayling Elementary School's Advanced Studies teacher. The advanced studies

program is a six-week program.

The after school program, offered to third through fifth graders, is for students with high IQs and unique thinking skills. The 25 students involved in the program are recommended by their teachers and are then tested by the school district's psychologist Val Sloan.

Cyndi Powers, who is Joe Powers' wife, teaches the advanced studies program at the Grayling Middle School as an elective class.

"Sometimes this is for kids that think outside of the box or problem solve in different ways, so we try to reach them in a different way," Powers said.

Finally, second grade teacher Suzanne Schlatter will be moving with her students to the Grayling Elementary School. The AuSable Primary School currently has six second grade classes. Schlatter will be teaching a third grade class next year.

"By union contract we had to post the position even though it was an internal transfer," Powers said.

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GHS students hit the right notes with the Lions of Michigan All State Band

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A fab five of Grayling High School band students will tour with band students throughout the Great Lakes Region to the Lions Club's International Convention in Minneapolis.

Grayling High School (GHS) Seniors Leigha Stevens and Jonathan Lovely, and juniors Molli Coe, Jessica Moran and Robert Stott, are traveling to one-half of the Twin Cities July 4 - 11 with the Lions of Michigan All State Band. On their way to Minnesota, the Lions All State Band will perform in Fourth of July parades in Mackinaw City and Escanaba. In addition, the band is playing at the Wisconsin Lions Youth Camp. To cap off the tour, the Lions of Michigan All State Band will perform in the Traverse City Cherry Festival parade.

Each year, from 1948 to 1977, a high school band was selected to represent the Lions of Michigan in the annual parade at their international convention. In 1978, an all-state band was organized to honor and play for the incoming Lions International President from Michigan. The Lions All State Band was created and has appeared annually at conventions ever since.

Students from over 300 Michigan high schools and communities have participated in the band since its inception. The band averages 100 to 120 students.

Performances around the band's appearance at the Lions Club's International Conventions, held in major cities throughout the world each summer.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Five Grayling High School students will travel with the Lions of Michigan All State Band to the Lions Club's International Convention in Minneapolis. Above (front row from L to R) are Leigha Stevens, Molli Coe and Jessica Moran. In the back are Jonathan Lovely and Robert Stott.

Major cities where the band has performed include Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, Phoenix, San Francisco, New Orleans, Honolulu, Philadelphia, Tokyo, Sydney, Beijing, Hong Kong, Seoul and Montreal.

Freshmen through senior band students, color guards and dancers are eligible to try out for the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

The Grayling students auditioned for the band through a recorded tape in January. They were notified that they were selected to be part of the band shortly after sending the audition tape.

During the trip, the Lions of Michigan All State Band will perform at a baseball

between game Minnesota Twins and the New York Yankees.

While in Minneapolis, the band will visit attractions such as the Mall of America, the St. Paul Cathedral and the ChanHassen Dinner Theatre. They will also ride on the S.S. Badger, go on a Battle Ford Riverboat Cruise, go on a Gangster Tour and go on the Wabasha Cave tour.

Last year, Lovely, Stevens and GHS graduate Chris Wells traveled aboard with the Lions of Michigan All State Band to Thailand.

Stevens is tuned up to be part of her last eligible year with the band.

"It's fun to see the people

you met last year and to meet new people," Stevens

Next year, the Lions All State Band will travel to Australia to visit the Outback.

"I think it's an honor to go with the All State Band," Stott said. "It's a once in a lifetime experience while you're still in high school."

The cost for the tour with the Lions of Michigan All State Band is \$1,580 per student. Donations can be sent to 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 49811, with the names of the Grayling High School students written on the check or letter sent with the donaNEED CASH? BUYING GOLD, SILVER AND JEWELRY We have been helping others since 1978 Paying up to 6x TV buyers prices Gold Rush Jewelers 828 W. Houghton Lake Drive • M-55





Meetings slated for final ORV ordinance input

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Under the legislation signed into law last year, counties and townships can open their roadways to ORV use on the "far right," at a speed no greater than 25 mph, once a local ordinance is adopted. All youths must have DNR ORV safety training and be under visual supervision of an adult, able to come to their immediate aid, as per current law.

Comments on the maps and the ORV ordinance, from ORV ordinance enthusiasts and those against the proposal, will be encouraged at the meeting.

The Crawford County Road Commission and town ships in the county had the opportunity to close down up to 30 percent of the roads in its jurisdiction. So far, the South Branch Township Board has been the only township to give input on the proposed ordinance.

A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, when the ordinance could possible be adopted by the Crawford County Board Commissioners.

Hanson said he hopes for a big turnout at both meetings. He said he would prefer an ORV ordinance that would open up roads leading to gas stations, stores and restaurants to create business for the local economy, but it will be up to the county commissioners and local officials before the ordinance moves forward.

"It's up to the county commissioners on what they want to do," Hanson said.

Hanson said fears about environmental damage, trespassing and ORV operators driving erratically would be dealt with under the ordinance.

"If it becomes a problem, I would be just as quick to vote to open the roads as I would vote to close them down," Hanson said.

A maximum fine of not

more than \$500 can be levied against an ORV operator who violates the ordinance. Fifty percent of the fine goes to the sheriff's department or police department responsible for training and law enforcement of the ORV ordinance. The remaining funds go to address environmental issues caused by ORV users.

In addition, the court shall

order the defendant to pay the cost of repairing any damage to the environment, road or street or any public property damaged as a result of the violation.

Comments and concerns about the ordinance can also be submitted to Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore if residents cannot attend the meet-

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com **Online Poll Results**

Last week's online poll question and results:

Which Big Ten team will have the most success in the NCAA men's basketball tournament?

Ohio State (8) Purdue (5) Minnesota (10) Michigan (10) 16 votes 5 votes 7 votes 0 votes

MSU (2) Illinois (5) Wisconsin (12) 43 votes 2 votes 2 votes [Ohio State, Illinois and Minnesota lost in the first round. Michigan and Wisconsin lost in the second round. Michigan State are Purdue are still

This week's online poll question: How many regular season games (out of 162) will the Detroit Tigers win this year?

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

It's well that Judd Gregg stayed in Senate

WHEN PRESIDENT Barack Obama invited Sen. Judd Gregg to join his cabi-Secretary as Commerce, it was viewed generally as a good political choice.

Mr. Obama had promised a diversity of backgrounds and experience in filling top government jobs, and the New Hampshire Republican filled the niche of bipartisanship the new president sought.

News stories at the time varied as to whether Sen. Gregg applied for the job, or the advance was first made by the Obama team. The distinction made no difference, however, when Mr. Gregg decided he really didn't want

the job after all. He withdrew from consideration before the confirmation process even got underway, explaining that he didn't think he could line up to support all of President Obama's programs like a good and loyal cabinet member should, and he wanted to stay in the senate anyway.

Obviously Sen. Gregg knew what he was talking about, and it didn't take long to see why he didn't pursue the job as Secretary of Commerce.

THE PRESIDENTIAL budget was the specific spark for a public broadside by Sen. Gregg against Obama administration financial recovery ideas, and it was a

Mr. Gregg predicted the Obama budget proposal was doomed to fail, and the president's overall policies would bankrupt the country.

"The practical implications of this is bankruptcy for the United States. There's no other way around it," Sen. Gregg said.

"If we maintain the proposals which are in this budget over the 10-year period that this budget covers, this country will go bankrupt. People will not buy our debt.

Our dollar will become devalued."

That's pretty strong language from someone who was only a few steps removed from being part of the administration team responsible for the national budget ... and potential ruin of the United States.

Sen. Gregg apparently knew his ideas of how the country should be run and what President Obama had in mind could not be reconciled. Obviously he was not a good fit for the Commerce job, and he recognized it before the whole idea went too far.

It's impossible to imagine Mr. Gregg could have held his silence over such basic differences, or would have done a good job in the cabi-

net under the circumstances. The White House, meanwhile, stuck with its guns. Christina Romer, chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors, voiced much more optimistic views.

"I have every expectation, as do private forecasters, that we will bottom out this year and actually be growing again by the end of the year." Ms. Romer said.

So it's back to Washington politics as usual, with Republican senators on one side and Democratic administrators on the other.

AIG BONUSES - The public and congressional uproar over the millions of dollars paid to American International Group (AIG) executives in the shadow of billions of taxpayer bailout dollars advanced to the ailing insurance company is a wonder to behold.

Congress wants the bonus money back, one way or another.

One plan would impose a 90 percent income tax on bonus money already paid to the AIG executives. Another idea is to sue AIG to recover every bonus dollar paid. Another is to ask those who

received the bonuses to give them back voluntarily, and some AIG executives have agreed to do just that.

The public is justifiably upset, too. Citizen pickets are demonstrating in neighborhood where the bonustakers live. Physical threats also have been leveled.

Restraint has been cautioned. One senator advised congress against "grabbing our pitchforks and charging up the hill" to get the cash back, according to an Associated Press report.

According to most reports, AIG signed contracts with these employees that guaranteed bonuses, apparently regardless of performance. If that is the case, then the contracts, even if ill-advised, should be honored. Written agreements such as contracts are fundamental to operation of business in this country, and should be fulfilled.

As for taxing the bonuses retroactively, we should be careful about what we seek.

If congress can enact laws to tax payments promised and paid in the past, how far back can the law reach? If something is legal this year, can it be declared illegal next year, and can enforcement reach back to earlier times?

I agree that the AIG bonuses probably were not deserved under existing circumstances, but I will not condemn those who received them; if bonuses were legal, and part of contractual agreements, they should be paid.

Those at fault are those who conceived and adopted the first bailout payments, apparently without reading the fine print.

It should not happen again.

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Letters to the Editor

Goodbye Grayling

To the editor:

I think this could very well be the last nail in the coffin for a town hangin on by a thread. Perhaps the straw that will break the spirit David Shoppenagon. Or, the one that sends Fred Bear rolling in his grave.

I am sorry to say that I can only sit back and watch the stupidity unfold. maybe I am wrong again.

I guess I was wrong to think that the downtown renovation would not help business ... because wow, look how much more busy it is now. And, I guess I was wrong to think that we may never see an amusement park, because ... well, we won't go there.

Not that long ago, a family had a restaurant down below called Stir-ups. They did so well that they decided to take the money they saved and chase a dream to live in northern Michigan and have a restaurant called Stir-ups in the north country.

They opened the restaurant and had a great welcome from the people in Roscommon and all around the area. Then one day a

Is the fish hatchery reno-

vation the best use of COA

funds? Does the county's

dream of restoring this long

abandoned building depend

on financing obtained in the

The initial cost to restore

the integrity of the building

and to comply with building

codes and ADA require-

ments are only the begin-

ning. A larger operating

millage will be needed to

Are there environmental

How much will it cost to

construct an access road

from an existing road or

maintain this property.

issues to be corrected?

name of county seniors?

To the editor:

decree was handed down ... hey, let's redo the highway I-75 between and Roscommon. Well, that was it for Stir-ups. The family lost all they had trying to stay open during that construction. You can still have that building because it is still for sale and still empty.

There seems to be a void and it seems to be something like this. People that work for the state, county, city, government, etc., must do a job. The job is given to them

to execute. That is their job. They have no concept that a small business owner has a job too. But, it is not the same as the job they have. They will get paid for doing what they must do even if it means choking small business off from their life-blood

On the other hand, the small business, that all of a sudden has no business, will still be required to pay the same taxes they must to pay for the officials that are doing the commissioned work that is taking the business away from the store front that might just as well be closed.

How about that one? Pay

New senior center comes with a cost

street? Will this require pur-

chasing additional property?

How much to construct and

maintain an easily used

parking lot? Snowplowing

will add to the operating

a brightly lit, warm and

comfortable environment for

the seniors? Can a good

solution be found for provid-

ing meals and access to the

center for seniors residing

near the current center? Will

this solution contribute to

their well being and inde-

Since 1967, as a seasonal

resident, I have paid county

taxes, including in the later

expenses also.

pendence?

us to close and take a break while they do their work and we can reopen when they are

I gotta tell ya, if you think about it with any amount of sanity, it is not rocket science to know that this is not the time to take any traffic from downtown Grayling.

I really think we could wait a year, or even two, and we would not die from whatever it is they are trying to fix. These are tough times and I really think that people that are paid by the taxpayers should, at least, try to think about what will happen to the taxpayers income that is really their pay.

All government employees should have to personally own a small business before they are made public servants. It would give them much insight as to what it is like to get paid on how much business you are able to generate vs. getting paid for just carrying out a job.

> Sleepless in Crawford County. Allen Bondar, co/owner Dharma Music / Dharma Records

I object to this site. It is

probably the most expensive

answer to a different center.

It offers few, if any, advan-

tages over new construction.

more questions. If you are a

registered voter and agree it

is a bad choice, pass and

sign a petition and let your

funding under the guise of a

new senior center is a conve-

nient answer for those want-

ing to save the fish hatchery

Barbara Clark

Roscommon

at a cost to county seniors.

It appears that obtaining

voice be heard.

Without a vote, I hope my

years, a COA millage.

Will the building provide voice in opposition raises

To the editor: can relate to all, as changes

Expand the senior center

This letter is hopefully to dismiss all fears of the Commission on Aging Senior Center relocating to

the old fish hatchery. I for one, believe that this is the right move. It will give all of the seniors of Crawford County more options on things to do while visiting the center.

This is also for the upcoming baby boomers like myself, who would love to come by and visit on a daily basis for the wonderful meals they provide, along with the fantastic activities and programs they put forth. And, of course with the new options of new ideas of development in offering more options to all of us to live our lives to the fullest extent possible.

This is a great idea and a good thing for all of us.

As I am sure this is probably the hardest idea to swallow, it is a must to expand the senior center.

I have read many articles in the weekly paper of folks who do not like the idea of relocating the center. Some negative and some good. I are hard. But, it is a change for the better and for the good of all.

We will all still have our fond memories, our friends and our loved ones. This will never change.

The senior center will still be the senior center, but in a different location.

I implore all to not sign a petition to try and stop this development of the senior center relocation process. It is a much needed, more spacious and more suitable atmosphere to have to enjoy the rest of our lives being

around. The staff and the volunteers of the senior center are remarkable folks who care about the lives and goals of the seniors and the commu-

nity as a whole. All I am asking is please, please, think before you sign a petition to try and stop this procedure from becoming a

reality. I hope you all make the right decision based upon your beliefs. You know what mine are.

> Tom Conte Grayling

I like Lovells, I like the people

To the editor:

Spring fever hit my wife and I on Sunday. We loaded the dogs in the truck and hit the road for a Sunday drive.

Off to Grayling we went. The sun was shining, the snow was melting and the temperatures were climbing. A stop at a gas station in Grayling for a cup of coffee, an iced Pepsi and road snacks and it was off to Lovells for a look at the AuSable.

At Sheep Ranch the road up into the field looked driveable, it was not, and we got stuck. I was in a snow bank up to the frame of the truck.

So, I'started shoveling, A few minutes into my job, a couple stopped and offered to help. They lived just up the road and the gentleman said he would return shortly with a tow rope.

Just after they left, two snowmobilers stopped and the three of us tried to push the truck out with no luck. While we were standing there talking about the next attempt, up came a pickup with three fellas in it. Now there were six of us, and in less than 30 seconds we were out of the snow bank and on the road.

On our way back to Lovells, the gentleman with the tow rope was just leaving his driveway. I stopped and thanked him.

I like Lovells, I like the people.

Needless to say we staved to the paved road all the way back to East Jordan,

Stephen LaJoice

East Jordan

Briefs

Maple Syrup Day to be held

Maple Syrup Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park. Scheduled activities will include several tapping demonstrations, the boil down of maple sap to maple syrup, films, indoor activities and information on how you can do this in your own backyard.

Texas Hold 'Em party to be held

A Texas Hold'Em (No Limit) Millionaire Party to benefit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will be held Thursday, March 26, through Sunday, March 29, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night at the Limberlost Poker Room, 4168 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake. Proceeds will go to the shelter's building fund to help pay for the new facility. For more information, call 710-0337.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Russ Kidd, Roscommon County Extension Director, will present a program on soil and soil preparation. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 348-8519.

Church to hold soup supper

The Women's Club of Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72 13 miles west of Grayling, will host a soup supper along with desserts and drinks on March 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 4-8 and those under three eat free.

GHS Baseball holds Wing Ding Dinner

The Grayling High School Baseball program is holding their 5th Annual Wing Ding Dinner on Tuesday, March 31, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Gray Rock Cafe'. Tickets may be purchased for \$6 per person and are available from baseball players, coaches, AuSable Eye Care or at the door. All proceeds go to the Grayling High School Baseball program.

Church to hold worship service

The Resurrection Life Center will hold a worship and song service on March 29 at 5 p.m. Call 348-1000 for information.

Huron Pines kicks off Conservation First Responder Program

Service. However, due to

recent budget cuts, neither

agency can provide this ser-

vice to the extent it once

was available. Huron Pines

hopes to supplement the

need for this service in its 11

county service area with our

Responder Program will be

available to the public begin-

ning April 1, and will run

through the spring, summer

and fall. If you are interest-

ed in participating in the

Responder Program, contact

Chris Homeister at Huron

Pines for more information,

at 989-344-0753, ext. 14, or

e-mail to chris@huron-

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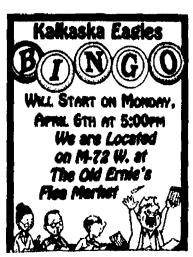
Responder Program.

Huron Pines is offering a free Conservation First Responder Program to landowners looking for assistance with managing their land in the 11 counties of Northeast Michigan. The Conservation First Responder Program is made up of a team of volunteer natural resource professionals that will assist landowners with managing their land. Huron Pines has recruited foresters, wildlife biologists and soil scientists to serve as the first responders for this program. The first responders will literally "walk the land" with landowners and address any concerns they have about managing their land. In addition to this service, the first responders will also help landowners form a management plan that will meet their goals. They will cover topics such as, timber removal, invasive species, stream bank erosion and wildlife food plots. They will also provide information on cost-share incentive programs available in Michigan that can help landowners cut the costs of implementing their management plans. This kind of service used to be available throughout the state by the DNR and USDA Forest

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 22 of \$25 each; Mike Higgins, Michelle Jankowski and Johnstone.



Extra \$25 in jobless benefits to start appearing

Unemployed Michigan ending February 28, when workers will begin collecting an extra \$25 a week in unemployment benefits starting with payments issued next week.

"We are completing the necessary computer programming changes and will be ready to add the \$25 in Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) to unemployment benefit payments beginning on March 23," Stephen Geskey, direcof Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), said today.

FAC is payable to those who are otherwise entitled to either state or federal unemployment benefits. The extra federal-funded benefits are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama February. Governor Granholm then signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor granting unemployed Michigan workers the additional \$25 more per week in unemployment benefits.

"The extra \$25 per week will be added to benefit payments issued starting on Monday, March 23," Geskey said. "And the extra \$25 will automatically be added to future benefit payments."

Geskey said unemployed workers will receive a retroactive lump sum payclaimed and were eligible extremely for going back to the week times," Geskey said.

the benefit increase became effective. The lump sum payment could be \$25 to \$75. These back payments are expected to be issued in April.

He also noted that the extra \$25 a week is taxable. Those who have taxes withheld from their benefit payments will notice a slight decrease in the \$25 FAC, once taxes are deducted. The lump-sum payments will also be reduced, if taxes are withheld.

The added benefits will temporarily increase all state and federal unemployment benefit payments and temporarily boost Michigan's maximum weekly benefit from \$362 to \$387. The \$25 is a temporary payment that will be applied to weeks of unemployment for those with current claims and those who establish claims before the end of 2009. FAC payments will be phased out by the week ending July 3, 2010.

Geskey pointed out that Michigan employers will not be charged for the extra unemployment benefits as they are federally funded through the ARRA.

"These extra dollars made available were through the national economic recovery legislation and will be a help to unemployed Michigan workers who are struggling to make ment for any weeks they ends meet during these challenging

Free cancer screenings offered

The American Cancer Society, District Health Department #10 and Mercy Hospital Grayling are sponsoring a free cancer screening for Crawford, Roscommon and Oscoda County residents, women ages 35-64 and men ages 50-64, who are uninsured or under insured.

Screening will be provided by Mercy Family Care of Grayling on April 30.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting District Health Department #10 at 989-348-7800, extension 8999.

Services offered during the screening include colorectal screening, clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and mammogram as needed for women.

Men's screening includes colorectal screening, digital rectal exam, PSA blood test as needed and cancer health education.

If you have a question about cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345. Society provides patient support and information 24

hours a day, seven days a week because cancer never sleeps.

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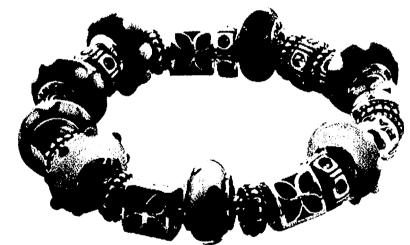
Please contact our Customer Service Helpline at 616 942-1221 or 800 446-5674 for an enrollment packet and specific information on costs and benefits. Priority Health offices are located at: 1231 East Beltline NE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; 250 E. Eighth St., Holland, MI 49423; 300 E. Front St., Suite 250, Traverse City, MI 49684; 8175 Creekside Dr., Portage, MI 49024; 100 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 300, Jackson, MI 49201; and 34505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.



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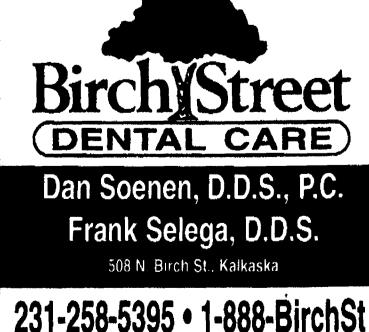
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The Bible Speaks

Red Flags from Government

The system described in Genesis 57 to alter Egypt's political and economic systems may give some insight into problems and solutions being raised for America and other free

nations today.

First, there was trouble in the Egyptian economy brought on by a famine as stated in Genesis 47:13. The state used this trouble to confiscate their money supply in Genesis 47:14: "14And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house." They then targeted the people leaving them with no money to buy food in Genesis 47:15: "15And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth." Money failure was their first red

Second, with the money controlled by the state, the next target was businesses in their Genesis 47:16: "16And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for

your cattle, if money fail." Finally, the government controlled their businesses in Genesis 47:17: "17And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their catthat year." \mathbf{for} Nationalizing business is a red flag.

Third, with the state controlling their money and businesses they had nothing left but their land and their bodies. "....Our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands." (Genesis 47:18b). The Egyptians became as crown tenants of Pharaoh under a feudal type system. Genesis 47:19: "19Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate."

Fourth, state ownership changed things into a new Genesis system. "20And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the

land became Pharaoh's. 21And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the thereof." other end They had new government jobs in Genesis 47:23: "23Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land." Both government land and job increases are red flags.

At 20%, their new taxes seemed fair in Genesis 47:24: "24And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones." So the citizens felt favored by their new government system in Genesis 47:25: "25And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants." How could people robbed of everything show such gratitude? The Stockholm Syndrome is another red flag. Pastor "B"

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Calvary Baptist Church

Obituaries

True Packman

True Packman, 81, of Frederic, passed away on March 22, 2009.

No public services are planned. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Douglas Hunt

A memorial service for Douglas Hunt, who passed away on January 16, 2009, will be held on April 4 at the Grayling Ramada Inn. A short service will be held at 1 p.m. followed by refreshments and time with family and friends.

Herman W. Brunger

Herman W. Brunger, 79, of Grayling, passed away on March 21, 2009.

A funeral service was held on March 24.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Rose Hatmaker

Rose Hatmaker, 69, of Grayling, passed away on March 22, 2009.

No public services are planned.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Richard J. Dawson

Richard "Dick" James Dawson, 81, of Cadillac, passed away at Cadillac Mercy Hospital surrounded by his family on March 17, 2009.

He was born in Grayling, on June 5, 1927, to the late Earl and Clara (Peterson) Dawson.

He graduated from Grayling High School.

He married the former Walser Patricia December 1, 1951, in Chesaning.

He worked as a sales rep for pharmaceutical companies.

He and his family enjoyed spending time at their cabin in Lovells.

He, at one time, had his own band and played big band and swing music. He was also an amateur radio operator "WA8SUE".

He also enjoyed golf and walking.

He is survived by his wife Pat, of 57 years; daughter, Pamela (Raymond) Bennink of Coopersville; son, James Dawson (special friend Deb Caldwell) of Manton; grandchildren: Chad, Clint, and Shanna Bennink and Linsey Dawson; step-grandchildren: Ray, Matt, Josh and Alan Richardson; sisterin-laws, Polly and Matilda Dawson; and several favorite nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, and Norman Devere Dawson; sister and brotherin-law, Vivian and Wesley Dunham; and daughter-in-

law, Cindy Dawson. A funeral service was held on March 23 at Sorenson-Lockwood

Funeral Home in Grayling. Interment was Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetic Association or Hospice of Michigan (Cadillac Office).

Condolences may be sent www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The James R. (Rick) Cox family would like to express our greatest thank you for everyone's support, prayers, cards, phone calls and food in our time of loss.

Special thanks to the Frederic and Otsego Lake Fire Departments, to Pastor Dan Weaver and his wife, Debbie, the anonymous donations and to Eva and the girls for the wonderful

Robin and Robert Cox

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400 Michigan Ave (989) 348-2974	

www.mm-umc.org - Barrier Free Sunday School (preschool -3rd grade) . .11 am Adult Sunday School 10 am (Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist Pastor: David Jorgensen (989) 348-1909 Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells (989) 348-2701 Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am

Grayling Free Methodist Pastor: Rick Secord 6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093 Morning Service11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Wed Prayer & Bible Study7-8 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Heritage Baptist Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411

heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of 1-75)

Grayling Assembly of God Pastor: Gary Wojdan 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Parsonage (989) 348-7466 Sunday School9:30 am Morning Worship10:30 am

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Evening Worship6 pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm Unity Church of Today North Minister: Terry Dickinson

First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor: Dale Hammond Sunday School9:45 am

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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

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Community of Christ Pastor: Ann Doty North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751 Church School9:45 am Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V. Parish Office - 707 Spruce (989) 348-7657 Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm Sunday Masses10 am

St. Francis Episcopal Reverend: Elizabeth Chace M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850 Moining Prayer Tue-Fri8:30 am Eucharist (Wed)8:30 am Sunday Holy Eucharist . .8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738 reslifecenter.com Phone: (989) 348-1000 Sunday Service 10:30 am

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS) 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27) (989) 348-5921 Saturday Evening Worship Service . . . 7 pm Sunday Worship Service10:30 am Sunday School9:15 am

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1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service
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Pastor: Lyle Studer

211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325 Sunday School 10 am Wednesday Evening7 pm **Grayling Baptist Church** Affiliated with S.B.C.

Pastor: John Scott 705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557 Sunday School 9:45 am

Bear Lake Christian Pastor: David Rosenberg Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. Sunday Church Service ... 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School 9 am Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3448 Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour & Prayer

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS) Pastor: Douglas Carter The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI For information call (989) 821-6013 New phone number (989) 275-3070

Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg 415 Ohio North, Gaylord Sunday School 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Tue. Women's Bible Study10 am Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Church of God Pastor: Gary Thompson (989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883 Meetings held at Ramada Inn Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either herd's pie, cauliflower and at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activi-

Friday, March 27 - Lunch baked chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole and pineapple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo. Monday, March 30 -Lunch - stuffed cabbage

roll, cauliflower, carrots and

apricots. Dinner - shep-

fruit mix, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, March 31 -Lunch - original fried chicken, Prince Charles vegetable blend, O'Brien potatoes and pears. Dinner - beef stew, green beans, a biscuit and fresh fruit salad. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, April 1 -Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and mandarin oranges. Dinner -

chicken stir fry with rice, asparagus, pineapple and apple crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Thursday, April 2 - Lunch turkey breast, mashed potatoes, green beans and peaches. Dinner - Apple Jack pork, sweet potatoes, broccoli and applesauce. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. NARFE, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

District Health Department #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following

clinics/classes for April. Immunization clinics: April 15 and 27 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: April 7, 14 and 21. Call 989-348-7800 for an appoint-

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition educa-

breast feeding women, infants and children. April 1, 9 (WIC office closed through April 19), Open 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29 and 30. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

tion for eligible pregnant and

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insur-

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ance. A clinic is scheduled for April 21 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 62 complaints the week of March 16 - March 22.

One missing person, 11 general non-criminal complaints, one runaway, one false alarm activation, one criminal sexual conduct/first degree-penetration with object, two aggravated assaults-family-

ceny, one larceny of gas-self service station, two damage to properties, two public peace/disorderlies, health and safeties, two conservations, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 14 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, two family troubles-domestic, eight suspicious situations, two

driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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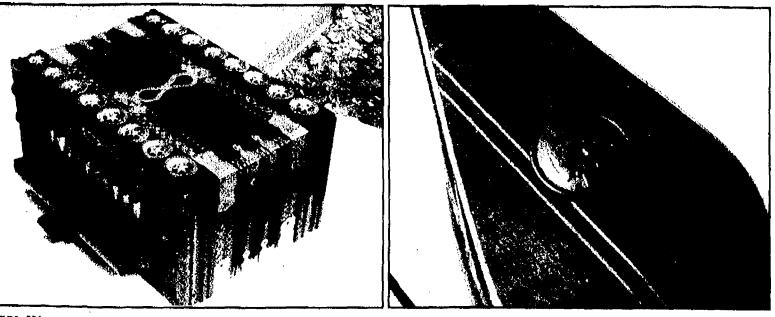
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Antiques brought out for Wellington Farm USA's annual RoadShow



Wellington Farm USA hosted its third annual RoadShow event at the Ramada Inn of Grayling earlier this month. Jay Ann Mills-McDonald of Kalkaska was the guest appraiser for the night. People attended from as far north as the Upper Peninsula and as far south as Florida. Some of the more notable items appraised were a couple of bronze statues, guns, Fred Bear Bows, pictures, clocks and a buttermilk churn. Above left is an ornate bronze accordion that was brought to the event for an appraisal. Above right, a Bear Archery emblem is pictured on a Fred Bear Bow.

Positions on senior center relocation to fish hatchery pushed as petition deadline looms

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tions. The senior center needs more space to provide adequate services to existing seniors, a variety of services to the younger senior population and services that emerging Baby Boomers will demand.

The current senior center space is leased from the Grayling Housing Commission. Relocating the Grayling Housing Commission office from the building or similar expansion plans have been ruled out by Housing Commission and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officials.

Grayling Senior Linda Ferrell said she was not "crazy" about the move to the fish hatchery, but is warming up to the proposal based on services and activities that could be provided.

"I guess that it will work for what they want to do in the future and they can't find any other place that is suitable to fit our needs," Ferrell said.

February, In the Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to issue bonds, not to exceed \$1.5 million, to renovate and make site improvements to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the former fish hatchery building.

A 45-day referendum on the bond sale proposal ends on Sunday, April 12. If 10 percent of registered voters in the county sign petitions protesting the bond sale, the financing measure would have to be placed on a ballot to be decided by voters.

Vivian Powers, a senior citizen who has steadfastly

Kristie (Lamie) Gallegos

and Dr. Augusto P.

Gallegos, of San Jose,

Calif., announce the birth

of their daughter, Zelie

Louise, born at Good

Samaritan Hospital in San

Jose, Calif., on March 11

2009, weighing 9 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 20

Zelie's grandparents are

Tom and Julie Lamie of

Grayling and Phillipe and

Rosita Gallegos of Mexico

inches in length.

City, Mexico.

Births

protested the move to the fish hatchery since the idea was first proposed, is spearheading a petition drive to get the bonding on ber mills, but their work a ballot.

"We want to put this on the ballot for the county to have a chance to vote on it," Powers said. "That's the only sensible way to do

Robert McIntosh, another senior circulating petitions, said moving the center away from the seniors that live in apartments by the senior center would cut down on the camaraderie that seniors now enjoy.

"I don't think it's a good idea to move the senior center all the way out there to North Down River Road, away from the seniors that use the senior center to a extent," McIntosh great

McIntosh said that he and others would be proponents for rehabilitating the fish hatchery as a nature museum dedicated to grayling fish, trout fishing, pioneering fishing and hunting guides and Trout Unlimited founders.

"I'd be all for that and would help out with that," McIntosh said.

Snyder said there are no plans to include a small nature museum, since a building addition included in the initial floor plans for the senior center and muse-

um has been removed. In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them

failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumwith brook and brown trout Petitions are not being cir-

culated to put that funding

Administrator Paul Compo

said the bond issues and

bid documents would be

finalized at the board's

Thursday, April 2, commit-

County officials will

review the petitions on

Monday, April 13, to deter-

mine if 1,500 signatures

from registered voters have been gathered to force the

vote on the senior center's

The bond proposals and

bid specifications could be

approved by the county

board's meeting scheduled

a.m.

9:30

Wednesday, April 15.

County

proposal on a ballot.

Crawford

tee meeting.

The initial fish hatchery building was built in 1919, but was destroyed by a fire. The current fish hatchery building was built in 1948.

succeeded.

Over the past six years, \$500,000 Department of Natural Resources grant funds, United States Department of Agriculture grant funds and local donations have been poured into restoring the fish hatchery grounds and preparing the building for a future use.

Joe Duran, the director of County's Crawford and Zoning Building Department, said the fish hatchery building was sound and could be modernized for future use.

"For as old as it is, it's an amazing building," Duran

Russ Strohpaul, fire chief for the Grayling Fire Department, said that the building could also be updated to make it safe to meet current building and

fire codes. "With enough money, anybody can bring anything up to code," Strohpaul said. "If they decide to do the work; we will make sure it's compli-

ant before it is occupied." The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are also seeking to issue bonds not to exceed \$1.5 million to pay for an addition and renovation to the Crawford County Courthouse to bring the building in compliance with the Americans with

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Northern Bear Tattoo opens despite impending road construction

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Refusing to be daunted by the impending downtown construction, Crawford County residents Scott and Natasha Kress recently opened a new tattoo shop, called Northern Bear Tattoo, on the I-75 Business Loop next to Kim's Magic Nails.

"I'm gonna take it as it rolls and I'm confident that we will survive," Scott said.

Northern Bear Tattoo opened about two weeks ago. The couple are confident that quality workmanship will be enough to keep their business afloat. Scott, a third generation professional tattoo artist, has 20 years of tattoo design experience, having started at age

"My dad walked in on me using one of his machines on one of his friends," Scott said.

Although Scott said he expected to be punished for designing that first tattoo, his dad simply insisted that he finish the job he started.

"After I did it, my dad, he was dumbfounded," Scott said.

He was paid \$50 for his first job. Since then, both



Tattoo on I-75 next to Kim's Magic Nails two weeks ago.

Scott and the job he loves have done some growing up.

"It's come a long way ... it's an art form," Scott said. "It's more acceptable ... it's all walks of life."

Scott now has a college art background and 10 years of tattoo shop management experience. They decided to launch their new business endeavor in Grayling because they like the set-

"The schools are awesome for the kids. We love hunting, we love the outdoors," Scott said.

Once they decided that they were committed to living in the region, Scott and Natasha worked to make their business plans a reali-

"We've been pretty much waiting for the right time to open a shop," said Natasha. "It's getting to be spring here and we've pretty much got all our ducks in a row."

Natasha will be focusing

on store management and body piercings, although she has recently begun work as a tattoo artist.

Scott does original designs and also specializes in tattoo cover-ups and

"There is always a way to fix bad tattoos," he said.

He added that although many artists are hesitant to he considers the process of strong client base, commaking a tattoo match its wearer an art form.

"It's like being a taylor ... it's got to fit your personality and your body shape," he

The Kresses have created a fun atmosphere at their shop, with prominently displayed horror movie memorabilia and a pair of Guitar Hero controllers visible in the corner.

"I like to find a balance of serious stuff and fun stuff,"

Natasha said. Nevertheless, professionalism is always the first priority.

"It's meeting all the requirements, being up to code," Scott said.

They use disposable needles that are only used once before being discarded. None of their services are offered to people under age

The new business owners touch a "bad" piece of work, are confident that their bined with some new patrons, will be enough to weather what is likely to be a challenging first year.

"We're definitely not fly by night," Scott said.

Northern Bear Tattoo is open from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 pm. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on weekends. Walk-ins are encouraged and military discounts are available.

"I don't think you'll find anybody as professional and creative and talented," Natasha said.

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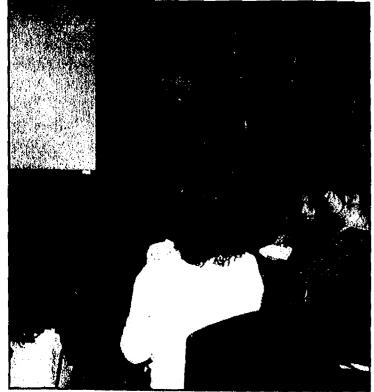
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Spicy Bob's under new ownership

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Spicy Bob's Italian Express, located on M-72 W., will come under new ownership on April 1. But don't expect the long-standing pizza place to change its image—or its menu—anytime soon. New owners Jennifer Rooyakker, Matthew Rooyakker, Matt Coger and Mike Sitz plan on leaving things exactly as

they are. "There's not going to be really any changes made," Coger said. "Unless somebody told you ... nobody would probably be able to tell."

This means that the restaurant will continue to have the same local staff and management, the same prices and the same menu.

The transition is due to the retirement of franchise founder Bob Rooyakker, who opened the first Spicy Bob's in Gaylord 22 years ago. The new owners are his daughter, son-in-law and two long-time friends.

"I worked with Bob when I was in high school," said Coger.

The new owners took plenty of time to get acquainted with the busi-

ness before taking the reigns.

"It's great ... I'm excited about the entire transition," Bob said. "New blood will create a little bit more enthusiasm."

After more than two decades in the business and two back surgeries, Bob said he is more than happy to retire. The Grayling location will be the final Spicy Bob's to change hands. The other locations include Gaylord, Boyne City, East Jordan, Petoskey and Alpena.

Although Bob is a Gaylord resident, odds are he will still be visible in the Grayling area from time to

"I love Grayling. I've been actively involved with promotions with the Red Cross and the (AuSable) River Festival," said Bob, who attends the Canoe Marathon every year.

Meanwhile, Bob's pizza legacy is likely to live on for years to come.

"Everything is looking up, honestly," Coger said.

No matter what a customer's pizza preference is, both generations of owners promise to deliver.

"We've got a great product," Bob said.

Grayling man receives plea deal for 2007 hit and run fatality

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blinker assembly and air intake, located between the hood and windshield of the truck, to employees at Scheer Motor's Body Shop. Chmielewski was able to confirm that the parts were from a General Motors truck.

At Gildner's residence, Chmielewski compared the broken pieces to recent damage caused to the pickup truck.

Gildner told police he thought he hit a deer when he heard an object collide with his truck. He told police he turned around and drove back through the area, but did not see a deer or a person lying on the side of the road.

Gildner was visibly upset when police told him he struck a person. Despite driving without a valid driver's license, valid license plate or insurance, Gildner claimed he would have reported the accident to police if he was aware he collided with a pedestrian.

Chmielewski confirmed Grayling Patrolman Al Somero had contact with Pearce walking in the road by the Grayling Eagles Club around 6 p.m. on the night of the accident, and in the road by Burger King later in the evening.

Dr. Michael Burkley, a former deputy medical examiner for Crawford County, said Pearce's injuries were consistent with blunt force trauma caused by a collision with an automobile.

Reports from an autopsy, performed at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, confirmed that Pearce sustained a lacerated and broken spinal cord, broken vertebrae, rib fractures, bruising around the head and a hemothorax - an accumulation of blood within the chest cavity.



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Arvella Pepsin, a waitress and bartender at Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew, testified that Gildner had a 32 ounce pitcher of beer and two 10 ounce glasses of beer between 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. the day the accident occurred. Pepsin said that Gildner left the establishment and returned when she

Carla Hartig, a former waitress and bartender at Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew, testified that Gildner had three 10 ounce glasses of beer after he returned to the pub. Gildner told police that he left the pub around 10:30 p.m. or 10:45 p.m., since he was home in time to watch the 11 p.m. television news.

was off shift.

Dawn LaCasse, Gildner's defense attorney, argued that there was no evidence to confirm that her client was not operating his truck in a normal manner, that he was driving erratically or that he swerved to hit Pearce in the roadway.

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Youth group collects food during Sound Off for Poverty event

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As part of the weekend, the youth group was required to give up their cell phones and I-Pods and did not play any video games, watch DVDs or watch television. The motto for Sound Off for Poverty is "Tune Out the Noise - Tune in the Poor." Most of the youth group members had cell phones or I-Pods.

According to Sound Off for Poverty statistics:

• By first grade, most children have spent the equivalent of three school years in front of the television.

• Fifty-five percent of all online American teens use social networks and have posted a profile online. Forty-three percent say they have been contacted by a stranger online.

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obesity and social isolation to early sexual initiation and aggressive and violent behavior, 15 new studies link exposure to media images with a broad range of negative health, behavioral and lifestyle issues in children and teens.

 An estimated 75 percent of teens spend two or three hours a day downloading or listening to music online.

• There are 37 million people living in poverty in the United States - that's one in every eight Americans. Poverty crosses every barrier - age, race, gender and family situation - but most Americans in poverty are children, elderly or people unable to work due to illness or disability.

At the same time:

• The poverty rate for children is higher than for any other age group, with nearly 18 percent of all children in this country living in poverty.

• Many Americans - 17.6 million living in poverty are employed but simply do not earn enough to support themselves or their families.

 Over 30 million households experience housing issues such as excessive cost burdens, overcrowding, severe physical deficiencies. no hot water, no electricity, no toilet, no bathtub or shower, and homelessness including families who are sleeping in cars or abandoned buildings, or constantly on the move from friend to friend.

 Over 48 million Americans do not have health insurance. Every 30 seconds, someone in the United States files for bankruptcy in the aftermath of a

Roscommon

serious health problem.

"They're just wondering about food and where they're going to sleep tonight," said Diane Davis, the director of the Love Inc. affiliate office in Cadillac, of people living in poverty. The main event for the

Sound Off for Poverty included a food scavenger hunt, where the youth went door-to-door in Grayling and collected food and health care items for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. After the scavenger hunt, the youngsters toured the Help Center with direc-

"It let them know that the Help Center is available and if they know someone that needs help, they can point them in the right direction," said Nancy Goodyear, a youth group leader along

tor Marianne Gosnell.

with Deanna Johnston. Nick Smock said he enjoyed being able to pitch in and help those less fortu-

"It was fun to help the poor and the needy, go doorto-door and take the food down to the Help Center," Smock said.

Gosnell said that a Help Center volunteer inventoried and put the food and other items on the Help Center's shelves Monday. She added that the Help Center is seeing about a dozen family members seeking help each day and have been serving up to 90 clients a month due to the local economic woes. Those figures are nearly double the number of family members the Help Center has assisted in the past.

Despite the increased demand. Gosnell said the Help Center's shelves remain stocked with plenty of items for the next family that comes through their

"We have a very generous Crawford County," Gosnell

Love Inc. was founded in 1977 by Dr. Virgil Gulker, a social worker and outreach director in Holland. Deeply committed to helping people trapped in poverty, Gulker believed others were called to serve the same mission. As he talked to church members and pastors, Dr. Gulker learned that many times people did not recognize that they were gifted in ways that could have a positive impact on someone else's life.

Davis said that Love Inc. coordinates serving people through 52 churches in the Cadillac area through volunteering their talents, skills and services. Volunteer activities range from finding clothing, shoes, diapers and food for the needy to knocking down a wasp's nest at a mother's home whose child was highly allergic to wasps and building a porch for a woman using a wheelchair so she could enjoy the out-

In just a few minutes, the Michelson Memorial Youth group raised the possibilities of shoveling snow, raking leaves, baby-sitting for a family and building items as ways they could help members of the community.

"You guys are just full of possibilities and things you can do," Davis said. "That's exactly what Love in the Name of Christ is all about people helping people."

Goodyear said the Sound Off for Poverty will continue through next Sunday, March 29, when the youth group will take a "noisy collection" to support Love Inc. efforts in the United States.

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Grayling sports broadcasters win award for excellence

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Grayling sports fans now have one more team to cheer for. The Decades 101.1 WQON radio play-by-play sports team of commentators Tom McCord and Rich Calkins, with producer Dave Sherbert, just won the state championship.

This trio of local sports enthusiasts has been covering Grayling High School (GHS) sporting events on the radio for four years. Recently, they submitted a recording of one of their sports commentaries to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters for consideration in the Broadcast Excellence Awards.

Their submission, which was a commentary on the Oct. 17, 2008, GHS vs. St. Francis football game, took the "Best Play-By-Play" title at the Mar. 11 award ceremony in Grand Rapids.

Over 30 radio stations in the Traverse City, Cadillac, Jackson, Port Huron and Adrian areas competed for this award, which is considered to be the event's highest honor.

Despite the importance of this honor, nobody from the local broadcasting team was available to accept it in person at the ceremony. They had a game to cover.

"We're just like the mailman. We gotta deliver no matter what," Calkins said.

Nonetheless, team members were still excited to be recognized for their work.

"It was pretty awesome," said Calkins. "We were very fortunate to win this award." Unlike the sports teams that Calkins covers, he had no idea that he was competing in the first place.

"I was shocked, absolutely shocked. I didn't even know we had submitted anything," Calkins said.

The submission had been entered by McCord and Sherbert. These radio veterans said they knew they had a good shot at the award.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised ... I was happy," Sherbert said.

Sherbert attributed his optimism to the quality interplay between McCord, a seasoned veteran broadcaster, and Calkins, who brings a fresh perspective and enthusiasm to the radio proceedings.

"We've got a good broadcast team together," Sherbert said. "They're always entertaining and very profession-

Calkins takes the award as a sign that the team is on the right track when it comes to providing Grayling with the best broadcasting possible.

"I do it for the Grayling



Grayling sports broadcasters Rich Calkins (left) and Tom McCord (right), along with producer Dave Sherbert, won the Michigan Association of Broadcasters "Best Play-By-Play" award on Mar. 11. "I think it means I'm going to be harassed by my buddies a lot more," Calkins said.

community. I do it for the kids involved in sports," Calkins said.

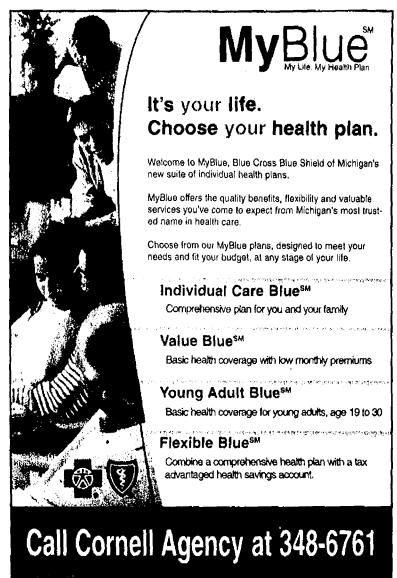
McCord agreed that the real purpose of the broadcast is to provide exposure to the many people who make GHS sports happen, while offering the community a way to connect with the overall experi-

"I think it says a lot for the parents and the schools and the students to have those

sorts of things on the radio," McCord said. "Hopefully, we can put a little joy and excitement into (Grayling residents') lives in the dead of winter."

The team will likely be at all the big games for many seasons to come, with the trio continuing to tighten and improve their broadcasts.

"It's just something that continues to evolve and grow," McCord said.



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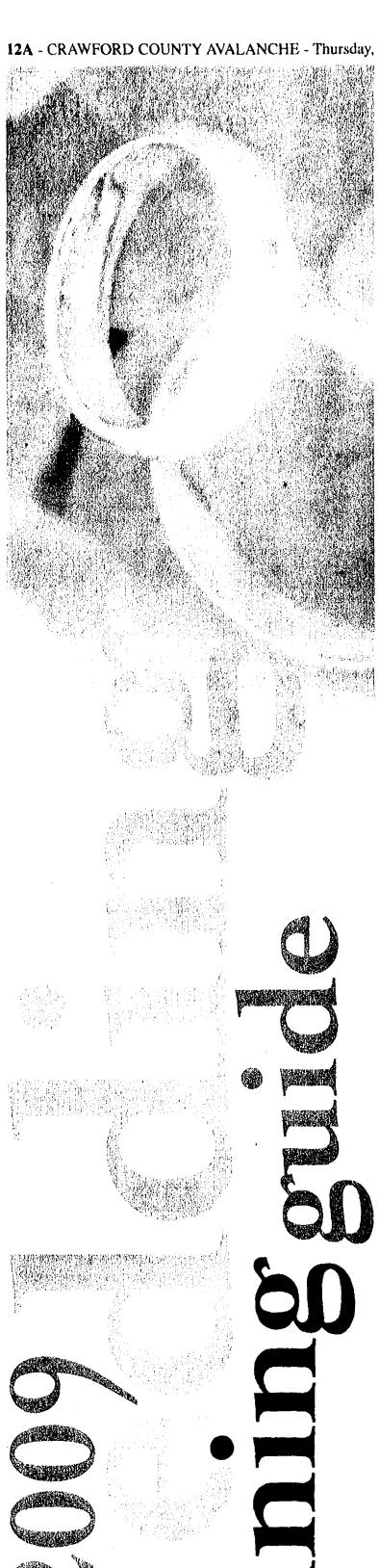
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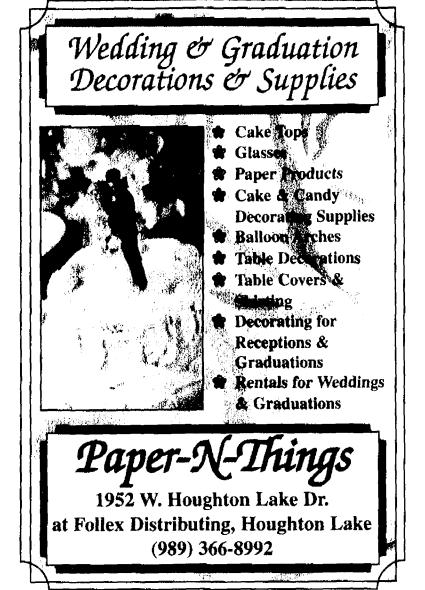
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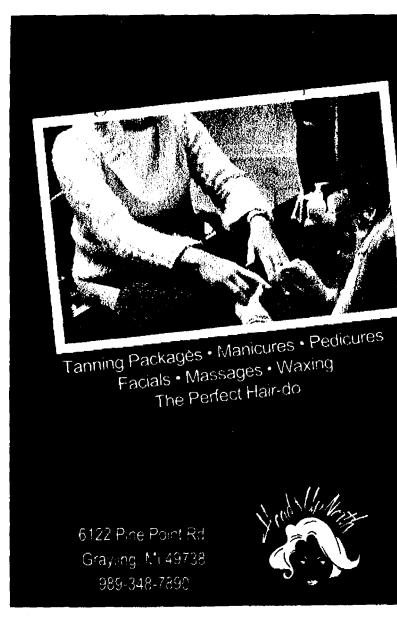


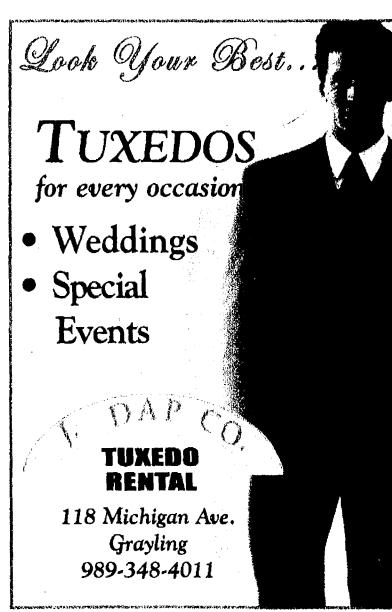














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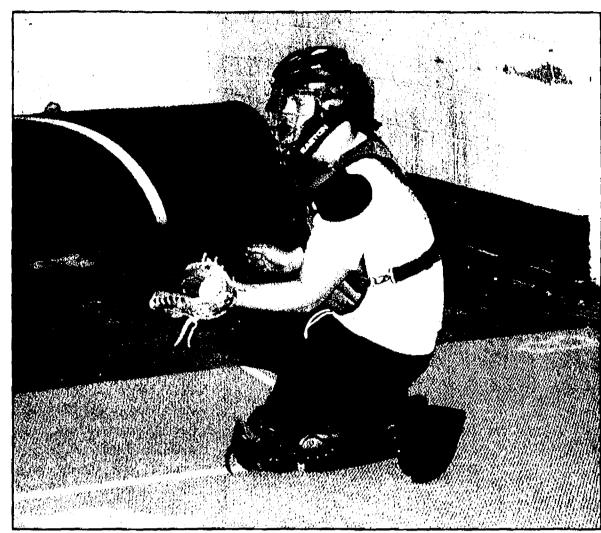


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Taylor DesEnfants, left, throws a pitch during last Friday's baseball practice inside the Grayling High School gym. Geo Bindschatel, right, catches a pitch from DesEnfants.

Spring sports programs get ready for 2009 season

Teams deal with weather, rotating practice schedules

by Caleb Casey Senior Staff Writer

In the next few weeks, spring sports teams at Grayling High School will battle weather issues, uneven practice schedules, and the interruption of spring break during their preparation for the upcoming 2009 season.

"It looks like we might get lucky and get some warmth to get the snow melted," said Tim Sanchez, athletic director at Grayling High School. "The beginning (of the spring sports season) is always difficult because they all have to practice inside."

"The coaches have been easy to work with, though," Sanchez said. "They've been compromising. As soon as they can get outside, they will."

Spring sports teams began their official practices on Monday, March 9. With all the teams practicing inside due to the current field conditions outside, the athletes have been forced to practice at different times of the day - sometimes in the morning, sometimes after school, and sometimes at night during the first couple of weeks of practice, Sanchez said.

"As an athlete, it's better to have a rou-

tine, but the first couple weeks they'll have to juggle it. As a coach, it puts a strain on you, too," Sanchez said. "Once spring sports get rolling, they pretty much take care of themselves, but it's really difficult from now until spring break."

Spring break at GHS is set for April 3 through April 13. Several teams have nonconference games slated for prior to spring break, and the bulk of the season will start after spring break.

The Crawford AuSable School District's spring break did not line up with the spring breaks of other schools in the Lake Michigan Conference, which created some scheduling issues for games and meets for several sports.

"All of the teams in our league have a different spring break than us. We had league games scheduled for times during our spring break. We couldn't go back a week because the other league teams were on their spring break. We had to go forward, which jammed up the schedule," Sanchez

Weather is always a big factor in the spring sports season - both in the preseason

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Kelsey Neuberger catches a line drive during an outfield drill at last Wednesday's varsity softball practice.

Grayling bowler rolls near perfect game in City Association Tournament

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

An avid Grayling bowler scored a near perfect game earlier this month and hopes his accomplishment will prompt others to get into the sport.

Jan Thayer bowled a 299 game, one pin short of a perfect game, on March 3 during the City Association Tournament at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes. Thayer was the overall winner in singles action for the tournament.

Thayer is only the third bowler in the history of the American Legion Lounge and Lanes to bowl a 299 game. Larry Davis and Jake Helsel have also accomplished the feat. Paul Junttila, Jake Helsel and Al Angove have bowled 300 games since the American Legion Lounge and Lanes was built in the 1950s. Lance Davis has bowled a pair of 300 games at the bowling alley.

During the tournament, Thayer started bowling in doubles action with fellow bowler Todd Kotrash. Thayer was off of his game and did not hit his average.

When Thayer moved down a couple of lanes for singles competition, he started hitting his groove and steadily improved.

"He bowled like crap in doubles and then he was like God in singles - he couldn't miss," said Pat Benardo, a Grayling resident and a longtime member of the City Association bowling leagues.

Thayer said Kotrash mentioned that he would probably pick up his game when they got into singles play.

"Every time I bowled a strike, I was almost apologetic - but I guess that's bowling," Thayer said.

Thayer bowled 14 strikes in a row. On the brink of bowling a perfect game, Thayer said bowlers and spectators quieted and he left the 10 pin standing.

"Everybody asked if I was nervous and I said I couldn't hear myself over my knees knocking together," Thayer said.

Thayer said he was proud to have his son, Jason, at the lanes to witness the game. Jason gave his dad a huge bear hug once he was done playing.

Thayer attributed bowling the near perfect game to a new bowling ball he purchased just over a month ago, new equipment used to maintain the lanes at the Legion and a good winter season on the

"The best thing I can see about this is that it shows other people they can do it and I think we're going to see a lot more big games," Thayer said.

Thayer began bowling at age 30, when he was an employee for Bear Archery. He said that bowling was more popular back then and people had to sign waiting lists to get on good teams. Thayer added that the American Legion Lounge and Lanes even stayed open for people who worked second shift so they could bowl in league action.

Thayer said that he had become discouraged with the sport in his early years before Dan Canfield, another of Grayling's top bowlers, took him under his wing.

"It's like any other sport," Thayer said. "You've got to work at it and you've got to know the basics."

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Jan Thayer bowled a 299 game, one pin short of a perfect game, on March 3 during the City Association Tournament at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes.

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Spring sports programs get ready for 2009 season

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and during the regular season. Rain and cold weather can force cancellations, and rescheduling rained out contests can be a hassle with so many games packed into a seven-week season.

"Cancellations are always a big deal during the spring. Rescheduling is always really hard," Sanchez said.

Five of the eight coaches for GHS spring sports are back from last year.

baseball, Schneider returns as coach of the varsity squad. Rich Schreiber will be the new coach of the junior varsity baseball team.

Last year's varsity basechampionship.

Sanchez said this year's baseball roster "is a pretty talented group. They're looking for some good things from them. They're pretty excited."

The varsity baseball team has a nonconference game scheduled for April 1 at Houghton Lake at 3:30 p.m. The JV squad will host the Bobcats on April 1 at 4:30 p.m.

On April 14, the Vikings will play Boyne City. The varsity squad will play on the road, and the JV team will host the Ramblers.

Keri Brock returns as coach of the varsity softball squad. Sarah Allen, a teacher who is new to the district this year, will coach the JV team.

"They're going to be young this year. Potentially, they'll be bringing up some freshmen and sophomores (for varsity)," Sanchez said.

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"Good numbers - great numbers for both programs."

The varsity softball team also has a doubleheader scheduled for April 1 at Houghton Lake. Vikings play at Boyne City on April 14. The JV squad will host Houghton Lake and Boyne City on April 1 and 14, respectively.

The baseball and softball squads should benefit from the relocation of the weight room, which freed up a spot for another indoor batting

Coach Brock said the new batting cage area has been a big help so far.

"What's been really nice ball team won a district is having the new weight room, with upstairs being open for a new batting cage. Now we can do infield downstairs and hitting upstairs at the same time," Coach Brock said.

Boys golf – one of several sports to change seasons last year due to a court ruling against the Michigan High School Athletic Association in a gender equity lawsuit will be played in the spring for the second year in 2009.

Mark Rutter will return for his second season as coach of the Vikings.

"It's probably most difficult for golf now with the season change," Sanchez said. "They have a lot of returning kids. Good numbers for golf, too."

The golf team's first scheduled meet is set for April 20.

Craig Cobb, who's coached both girls and boys soccer at GHS in recent

years, will be the coach of

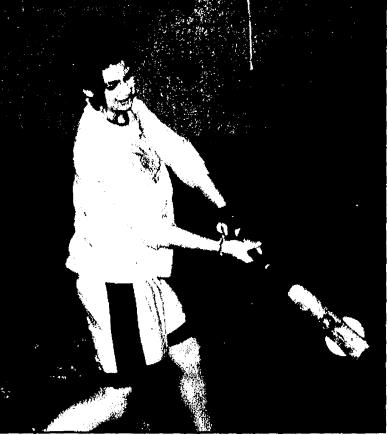


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Sam Schreiber hits a ball during a batting drill at Wednesday's softball practice.

this year's girls team.

"They also have good numbers. We were down quite a bit in the fall and winter, but numbers are up for spring sports," Sanchez said. "There should be some pretty good girl athletes on that team this year."

The soccer squad also has a game scheduled prior to spring break - a March 30 contest at Houghton Lake. On April 14, the Vikings will host Charlevoix at 5

The track program will have both of its coaches back from last year - Matt Collins (boys) and Tim Gariglio (girls).

"They lost a lot from last year's group, lost some state qualifiers. Both teams are really young - lots of freshmen and sophomores,"

Sanchez said.

Grayling High School reconstructed its track during the summer. After not hosting any track meets last year due to the condition of the track, GHS will host three track events in 2009. A fourth meet - the Grayling Invitational – had to be canceled due to lack of teams.

"We're going to be unveiling the new track this year. We're going to host three meets this year - a middle school invitational, one regular middle school meet, and one high school meet. That'll be nice," Sanchez said.

The GHS track program's first meet of 2009 - the East Jordan Jamboree - is scheduled for April 13. Grayling will host a league meet on April 20.

Grayling bowler rolls near perfect game

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Thayer said bowling is a perfect excuse to get out of the house in the wintertime. His father, Art Thayer, age 83, was a regular bowler at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes up until his 70s.

"Unless you snowmobile or ski, the activities are kind of limited," Thayer said. "That's why I like to see young kids getting into it."

While many larger bowling alleys have several 300 games, Thayer said he is proud to be among the trio of bowlers to bowl a 299 game, since it is unique to the American Legion Lounge and Lanes and the local bowling community.

"It's a good pastime, it's good fun and it's good people," Thayer said. "If it inspires someone to do better or get involved in the sport, it makes me happy and I'll keep trying to bowl that 300 game."

Thayer will receive a plaque from the United States Bowling Congress for his near perfect game. Grayling bowlers and friends are also planning to buy him a 299 game ring, since the United States Bowling Congress stopped giving out the rings for 299 games two years ago.

"There's a bunch of us chipping in and we're going to buy the ring for him," Benardo said.

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American Men's League McLean's Ace 33 - 9 GADCO........ 28 - 14 Sky Ripper. 28 - 14 Moore's Auto.... 28 - 14 McNamara Ford . . 17 - 25 Fenton's Auto 16 - 26 Dragon Repair 14 - 28 High Series: Lonnie Davis, 657; Lance Davis, 644; P. Benardo, 615. High Game: Lonnie Davis, 258; J. Langowski, 255; Lance Davis, 234.

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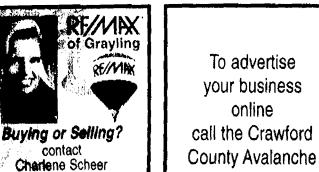
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Students raise money for **American Heart Association**



AuSable Primary School students recently raised several thousand dollars for the American Heart Association with their Hoops For Hearts fund-raiser, an event that also included a Hot Shot Blitz basketball tournament. Students from 23 classes (grades K-3) participated in the double elimination tournament. Competitors battled their classmates in a one-on-one format, with each shooter taking shots for 30 seconds at a different basket from circles on the floor marked with point values, with longer shots awarding more points. "The kids solicited the donations," said Scott Baker, AuSable Primary physical education teacher. "Our goal is \$6,000. Right now, we're at about \$3,500." Last year's Hoops For Heart program raised \$5,000, Baker said. Above, Mrs. Urban's third grade class - pictured with Baker, the Grayling Viking mascot, and Sara Trudgeon, a tournament helper from the high school – competed in the tournament on Friday.





Mazi Gugin, left, shoots during Friday's Hot Shot Blitz Tournament at the AuSable Primary School gym. Brady Bickford, right, fires a long-range shot on Friday.

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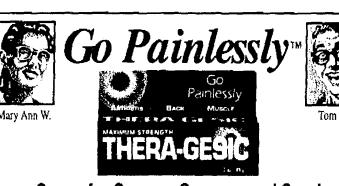
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Legal Action

STATE OF **MICHIGAN** PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF** CRAWFORD NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-7549-DE

Estate of Grace Louise Robinson, Deceased Date of birth: November 18, 1923 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Grace Louise Robinson, who lived at 1934 W. Nighthawk Lane, Grayling,

Michigan, died January 27,

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert R. Robinson III and/or Rodney R. Robinson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 3/17/2009

Attorney John A. Scott P.C. Diane Kuhn Huff P41106 1000 S. Garfield Avenue, Suite

Traverse City, MI 49686

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Robert R. Robinson III P.O. Box 55158 Valencia, CA 91385-5158 (661) 440-4280 Rodney R. Robinson 13445 Beadle Lake Road

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING **PROCEEDINGS**

Held on the 9th Day of March 2009

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on different Highlighted subjects were on the lease with AT&T for the antenna on the water tower, making Grayling a movie making, film friendly town, working on a common background on the Web site to assist with branding and report on vacant Michigan Avenue properties available for sale Approval of supporting and contributing \$1,500 to the County Recycling Program.

Approval of the Fireworks Permit for the Grayling Youth Booster

Approval to go into a Closed Session. Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Michele A. Moshier City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our Web site: www.cityofgtayling.org

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Edwin O. Koch and Nadine D. Reynolds as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated February 12, 2003, and was recorded on February 21, 2003, in Liber 620 on pages 620 through 630 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$48,005.80, including interest at 5.875% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009;

at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mort-

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

gagee before the sale.

Lot 27, Grayling Mobile Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

including all improvements, now or hereafter erected on the property, including a 1994 Radeo model BU200A manufactured home, serial no. GS-04107AB, assigned no. HUD RAD746414/RAD746415.

Commonly known as 4343 Pinecrest, Grayling, MI.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL, 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: February 24, 2009 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, First National Bank of Gaylord,

Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574

-5-12-19-26

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The following is the SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS for the 2009 - 2010 FISCAL YEAR for the BEAR LAKE TOWN-SHIP BOARD. All meetings start at 7 pm at the BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER at M-72 and E. Bear Lake Road, Kalkaska County.

Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10 AM

April 7, 2009 May 6, 2009 (Wednesday) June 2, 2009 July 7, 2009 August 5, 2009 (Wednesday) September 1, 2009 October 6, 2009 November 4, 2009 (Wednesday) December 1, 2009 January 5, 2010 February 2, 2010 March 2, 2010

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk

231-258-4871

Personal representative

Battle Creek, MI 49017

NOTICE Clean up of the Frederic Township Cemetery Will be as follows

The Frederic Township Cemetery will be open April 1, to April 6, 2009 for people to remove from family grave sites the flowers and ornaments they wish to keep.

The Cemetery will be closed from April 16 to May 1, 2009 for ENTIRE clean up by the Township maintenance personnel. All items left on grave sites such as flowers, wreath, grave blankets and other decorations. anything broken, rusty or unsightly will be removed and disposed of.

The Cemetery will be reopened to the public May 1.

Frederic Township Supervisor William T. Johnson

Legal Action

GRAYLING CHARTER **TOWNSHIP BOARD** REGULAR MEETING February 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. ASH-TON, D. BROOKS, S. KRAYCS, D. LONG, L. MUNSEY, C. OLSON, T. WRIGHT.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: AARON HAINES, GREG SCHOO, JOHN WOTRING, MIKE INGALLS.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Correspondence: (No action required) A. Monthly Building Permit List. B. C.C. Sheriff's Office 2008 Report. C. S.T.I.N.G. Quarterly Newsletter.

2. Motion by Olson, second by Brooks, to approve minutes of December 17, 2008, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Brooks, second by Krayes, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report for January was presented and placed on file. 5. There were no citizens who wished to speak.

6. Consensus to hold a third party FY 09-10 Budget Workshop on Wednesday, March 18 at 9 a.m. Public Hearing for the proposed budget will be Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 10:00 a.m with a Special Meeting to follow,

7. Motion by Brooks, second by Olson, to amend 2008-09 Fire Dept. Budget activity in the General Fund by increasing expenses 101-336 by \$15,686.00. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Olson, second by Brooks, to form Grayling Township Military Affairs Committee. Members are Dennis Long, Cindy Olson, Duane Brooks. All ayes, motion carried. 9. Motion by Long, second by Brooks, to allow Olson to abstain from discussion and action regarding Township health care provider. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Ashton, second by Munsey, to authorize conversion from current Blue Cross/Blue Shield health care policy to BC/BS Flexible Blue Plan 3 Medical Coverage with Flexible Blue RX Prescription Drugs, a High Deductible policy, and to fund Health Savings Accounts for eligible subscribers at 100% of applicable deductible for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Effective 4-1-09. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Krayes, second by Brooks, to approve request for change in location for liquor license by Curt Jansen. The subject license is Request # 420138 authorized by this board on September 18, 2007 and approved by the Liquor Control Commission. On February 20, 2008. The new location is property located at 6810 M-93 Hwy. (Property Code 040-2-013-05-060-

00). All ayes, motion carried. 12. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to approve changing the normal retirement age in the Grayling Township Group Pension Plan Contract 54059 from 65 to 60 years of age for the purpose of benefit distribution. All ayes, motion carried.

13. F.Y.I. Proposed Employee Policy Manual Update, Attorneys Report, County M.T.A. Chapter Meeting notice, Comm. On Aging letter/ no longer interested in Twp. Park property.

14. Motion by Olson, second by Krayes, to notify Crawford County that Grayling Township will continue the recycling program with the various townships but not with the City of Grayling if the City chooses not to fund the program. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Brooks, second by Krayes, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 7156, 7172 through 7210 and Fire Dept. Const. Loan of \$11,040.71 for a grand total of \$62,835.10. All ayes, motion carried.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Township Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHER-MAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFOR-MATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAY E. BOW-ERS, SINGLE and CAROLYN K. BOHN, AS JOINT TENANTS FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVOR-SHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for tender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2003, and recorded on March 4, 2004, in Liber 666, on Page 671, Crawford County Records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there

is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$65,244.63), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 15, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and

are described as: PARCEL 9; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH. RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 55 MIN-UTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 1323.3 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MIN-UTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 8 LINE 927.35 FET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 335.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MIN-UTES EAST 1339.3 FEET THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 1429.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAW-FORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH AND SUB-JECT TO AN EASMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING 33.0 FEET EITHER SIDE, OF A CENTER-LINE DESCIBED AS COM-MENCING AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTES 30 SEC-ONDS EAST ALMOST SECTION LINE 1391.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MIN-UTES EAST ALONG 1 / 3 LINE 1920.2 FEET TO THE NORTHER-LY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-72, THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 82.0 FEET TO THE POINT **BEGINNING; THENCE** NORTH 23 DEGREES 19 MIN-UTES **EAST** 195.65

FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES EAST 705.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREE 00 MINUTES EAST 360.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 **DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST** 280.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 **DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST** 709.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 626.85 FEET;THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 42 MIN-UTES 90 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET;626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 40 MIN-UTES 30 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 505.3 FEET IN THE POINT OF **ENDING SAID EASEMENTS TO** BE USED IN COMMON BY THE **PARTIES** HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILTIES GRAYLING TOWN-

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Dated: March 5, 2009 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-

TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Hargis Fulton aka Hargis L. Fulton, a married man and Patricia K. Fulton, his wife, as to dower interest, to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded December 31, 2002 in Liber 614, Page 347, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$80,955.52) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 15, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 5: A parcel of land located in the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East (recorded as South 88 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds East) 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East

361.67 feet; thence South 89

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORV **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Crawford County Board of Commissioners has scheduled an Informational Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. You can obtain copies of the proposed ordinance at the County Clerks office Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The information meeting will be held in the Riverside Meeting Room of the County Building.

Sandra Moore County Clerk/Register of Deeds March 20, 2009

degrees 10 minutes 04 seconds East 661.24 feet to the East 1/8 line; thence South 01 degree 08 minutes 27 seconds West (recorded as South 01 degree 08 minutes 20 seconds West) along said East 1/8 line 364.08 feet; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds West (recorded as North 88 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West 662.69 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying 33 feet on either side of a line described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degree 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degrees 05 minutes East) 1383.37 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 04 East 653.04 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 10 minutes 04 seconds East 659,81 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying 33 feet on either wide of a line described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying Easterly of line described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 03

minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88

degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 1311.74 feet (recorded as South 88 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds East 1311.57 feet) to the East 1/8 line; thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East (recorded as North 08 minutes 20 seconds East) 690.38 feet along said East 1/8 line for a point of beginning; thence continu-

ing North 01 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East 1277.76 feet to the East-West 1/4 line for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 33 foot easement over the Easterly side thereof. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide temporary road cul-de-sac turn around inscribed by a circular curve with a 66 foot radius a delta angle of 360 degrees of which the center of circle is located as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said

Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East)

664.78 feet; thence South 88 degree 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet; thence North 01 degree 22 minutes 13 seconds East 181.67 feet to the center of said circular curve for a point of ending. Said easement maybe terminated by owner of Parcels 5 and 6, if road and utility easement is extended South to adjoining parcel and is no longer needed. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case

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closing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 12, Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-

the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore502-1400 File No. 310.4062 ASAP# 3020805 03/12/2009, 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE,

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Laurel E. Laginess, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co., f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2007, and was recorded on January 30, 2007, in Liber 685 on page 94 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$80,391.37, including interest at 8.25% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lots 5 and 6, RIVER OAKS SUB-DIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

A 1/19 interest in a Private Walkway being more particularly described as: a part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, T25N, R2W, comm. at the SW corner of same and running thence N 02°02' W, 791.7 ft; thence S 72°12' E, 170 ft to the point of beginning; thence N 09°12' E, 341.7 ft to a point on the bank of the South Branch of the AuSable River, thence S 80°00' E along said bank, 20 ft; thence S 09°12' W, 344.5 ft; thence N 72°12' W, 20.23 ft. to the point of beginning, said description also includes all the land in the water's edge.

The real property described in this instrument includes a 1978 manufactured home and any manufactured housing described in a subsequently recorded Affidavit of

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 17, 2009

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574

GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Charter Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (WM-72 Hwy), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Grayling Charter Township Hall: P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Charter Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 2009-2010 Budgets, amendment resolution for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Charter Township Clerk

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION MAY 5, 2009 ANNUAL ELECTION CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE **SCHOOLS**

Please Take Notice that the Annual Election of the Crawford AuSable School District will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Crawford County public school elections will be held to elect two (2) 6 year term school board members and vote on the 18,0000 bond millage renewal proposal.

A FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MY BE OBTAINED AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE MAY 5, ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county clerk, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration:

Sandra Moore - Crawford County Clerk 344-3200 Snaron K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878 Nancy Bindschatel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778 Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361 Cynthia Infante' - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215 Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794 Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232 Michele Moshler - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131 Carol Rosenberg - Bear Lake Township Clerk 231-258-4871 Lorraine Markovich - Otsego Lake Township Clerk 732-6929

> Sandra Moore, County Clerk And **Crawford AuSable School Election Coordinator**

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald W. Rugenstein, single, surviving joint tenant, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 554, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$78,454.55) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 29, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel Number 2 part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East (along the section line L), 570 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East, 285 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 548.80 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West 198.44 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 54.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West, 86.56 feet, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes West, 602.50 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days

04/09/2009, 04/16/2009 -26-2-9-16

04/02/2009,

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

from the date of such sale. TO ALL

PURCHASERS: The foreclosing

mortgagee can rescind the sale. In

that event, your damages, if any, are

limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale, plus

interest. Dated: March 26, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys

for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy,

MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File

No. 426.0283 ASAP# 3032311

03/26/2009,

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wirtjes and Catherine Wirtjes, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns., Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006, and recorded on November 29, 2006, in Liber 684, on page 348, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-seven thousand eight hundred sixteen and 97/100 dollars (\$87,816.97) including interest at 8.620% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 17, Fawn Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records, and all improvements thereon, including a 1987 Sterling manufactured home bearing serial number S5507.

Parcel No: 032-400-000-017-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice

required by MLCA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: February 18, 2009

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or resigns. Mortgages

and/or assigns, Mortgagee Richard A. Green, Attorneys, 30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste

Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 540-7665

65 -26-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph Benedetti AKA Joseph W. Benedetti and Eva B. Benedetti, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and fender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2002, and recorded on November 13, 2002 in Liber 607 on Page 186, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Hundred Forty-Two And 42/100 Dollars (\$82,442.42), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying West of the old Deward Railroad Right-of-way line, except the South 400 feet and except the North 520 feet thereof. Also: Beginning at a point 200 feet North of the Southwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, for a point of beginning; thence East 300 feet to the New York Central Railroad rightof-way; thence North 200 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 200 feet to the point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #249668F01 -5-12-19-26

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles R. Brown Jr., a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2003, and recorded on April 29, 2003 in Liber 631 on Page 57, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to

be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$84,954.70), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 51, Indian Glens of the AuSable, Unit 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC J 248.593.1311

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accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,

Attorneys For Servicer
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2525 File #252391F01

-26-2-9-16

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L Carmean and Donna A Carmean husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2006, and recorded on May 4, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 339, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six And 71/100 Dollars (\$58,646.71), including interest at 6.57% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 2, Hadleys Third Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 13, Crawford County

Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale.
Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200

Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #248888F01

-5-12-19-26

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclos-

ing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four And 69/100 Dollars (\$125,644.69), including interest at 7.32% per

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County. at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 21, Block 1, Oakl Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records

Under the power of sale contained

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.

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31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #248538F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas J. Ellison and Julie Elaine Ellison, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage -MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded on September 29, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 728, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five And 08/100 interest at 6.75% per annum.

Dollars (\$88,765.08), including Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land on part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said SEction 11; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 560.00 feet along the North line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 140.58 feet; thence South 07 degrees 01 minutes 39 seconds East, 598.38 feet along the Westerly line of Railroad right of way; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 31 seconds West, 226.46 feet; thence North 01 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 594.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to an easement for highway

purposes over and across the

Northerly 33.00 feet.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311

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File #251029F01 -26-2-9-16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Isenhauer, A Married Man and Galeh Isenhauer, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nomince for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 2007, and recorded on August 29, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 316, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine And 67/100 Dollars (\$73,239.67), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 15, 2009. Said premises are situated in City

of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 22, of original plat of the village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

such sale.
Dated: March 12, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC L 248.593.1312

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

File #251330F01 -12-19-26-2

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard W. Sears and Karen L. Sears, His wife, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2002, and recorded on October 29, 2002 in Liber 604 on Page 247, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-5 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Sixty-Seven And 50/100 Dolfars (\$96,067.50), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Red Pine Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 7, Crawford County

Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by SCOTT M. VANDECAS-TEELE and DEBORAH R. VAN-DECASTEELE as Mortgagors, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 10, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on December 6, 2006, in Liber 684 at Page 445, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$120,405.97, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.99 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as

The West 460 feet of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Excepting 33 feet off the West side to be used for road right-of-way.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 5, 2009
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 27, 1986 - The GHS Forensics Team pictured here is: (front row left to right) Kristin Lademan, Kim McDonough, Erin Hickey; (back row) Jeff McLaughlin, Jeff Martinez, Kathy Allen and Amy Smith.

23 Years Ago March 27, 1986

More than 150 projects were entered in the 3rd Annual Science Fair held last Thursday at the Grayling High School gym. Because up to three students could work on a single project, GHS science instructor Mike Dean estimated more than 250 students participated this year. In first place in the lower elementary division were 3rd and 4th graders Melanie Ross and Allison Hanson. In the upper elementary division, the first place winners were 4th graders Andy Creps and Lenny Kraus. In the middle school division, first place went to 7th graders Todd Neely and Jamie Branhov. Dana Pratt, a 10th grader, took first in the high school division.

Andrew Barkway, Jeremy

Dale Street are sporting crocuses in bloom and their daffodils are about four inches. They saw meadowlarks and robins at their home.

Harold MacNeven, of Welsh Motor Sales Inc. of Grayling, was presented with Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club award at a banquet in Lansing, honoring the high ranking Ford dealership car and truck salesmen of 1963 in the Lansing district, Ford Division of Ford Motor Company.

In the near future, the City of Grayling will update all house numbers. There are some areas in the city that have incorrect house numbers. To make the entire city uniform and correct, some house numbers will need to be changed. The numbering code will be as follows. For the north side of town, all streets running northeast start at the New York Central Railroad and all streets running northwest start at the river. For the southside, all streets running north and south start numbering at the river. All streets running east and west start at State Street and all even numbers are on the

was held and student council member Donna Fenton spoke on what the students are doing to promote the proposed new school and

the advantages of the new school from a student's point of view. Along with Donna, Pam Beery and Merry Perry handed out brochures describing the proposed new school. 69 Years Ago

March 28, 1940

A happy crowd of boys and girls gathered at Joan Corwin's house for her eighth birthday. There were 24 of Joan's friends there plus some grownups. Phyllis Bennett and Nancy Hilton won prizes in contests and other games.

Axel Peterson, Jr., was nine-years-old on Saturday and was happy to have 13 of his friends to be his guests for lunch. After lunch, he took his friends to the Rialto Theatre.

92 Years Ago March 29, 1917

P.P. Mahoney purchased the residence on Michigan Avenue last week occupied by Efner Matson and family and owned by the John Everett estate.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge gave a pleasant party at the home of Miss Carrie Jorgenson to celebrate three members' birthdays. Mrs. Martha Hill and Miss Edna McCullough were presented with pretty hand-painted china plates.

Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson, of the Grayling Vulcanizing and Tire Supply Company, say they are now open for business. They are located two doors west of the Russell Hotel.

advice this week.

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should heed it. There

Lighten up, Scorpio You don't need to

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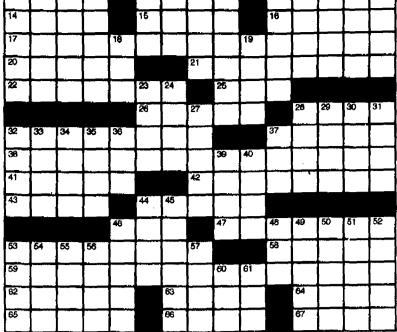
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CROSSWORD



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32. Enumeration follower 37. Water wheel with buckets attached

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42. Berate

43. Barely gets, with "out" 44. Brilliantly colored terrestrial birds

with short wings and tail and stout bills 46. Family head 47. All together

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59. Sexists

62. Liquid excretory product

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orthodox Islam 65. Give a shine to 66. "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs

album) 67. Baby

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8. Come about 9. Fruit with yellow flesh

10. "Pumping ___ 11. Island rings

12. Author Rice

13. "Darn it al!!"

18. Backstabber 19. Advertising sign 23. Wild goose having white adult

plumage

24. Dispassionate 27. Safe place

28. Lady of Lisbon 29. Song and dance, e.g.

30. Fish sperm 31. British system of withholding tax

32. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)

33. Heavy, durable furniture wood

34. Game name

35. New newts

36. 20-20, e.g. 37. Colo. neighbor

39. When repeated, like some shows

40. F.B.I. operative 44. "Fiddlesticks!"

45. Hereditary

46. Cubes 48. "Gee whiz!"

49. To take to graze or pasture 50. Bar offering

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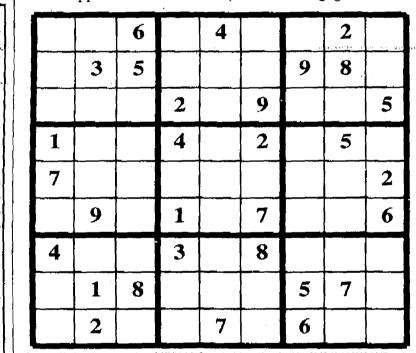
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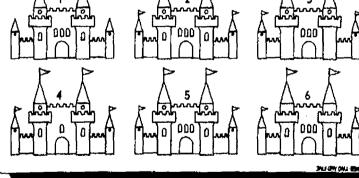


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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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June 22-

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January 20-

February 19-

Push on in spite of



You're right, and you know it, Capricom.

Relationships can be difficult. You're all own up, and you



no longer have to be at the beck and call of a loved one. It's okay to say no.

No matter how hard

you try, Pisces, you cannot do it all on

our own. If you

need help with a task work or at home,

ask for it. Two heads

are always better



April 20-

to consider the repercussions, Love your privacy?

May 21-





Nerves are raw at work this week, as an

important decision is

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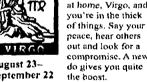
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Intrigue and romance make for

an interesting week. Leo. Ooh-la-la. A

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at work steps up the

deadline concerns

Trouble is brewing

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the goods to get





October 23-

November 21

September 23-

October 22

through things and see life as it truly is

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For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com epiky WEATHER

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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

RECIPE OF THE



MEXICAN STYLE LASAGNA ingredients:

1-1/2 lb. ground beef 6 flour tortillas 1/4 lb. (4 oz.)

mexican brick cheese, cut up 3/4 cup chunky

medium salsa

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar & Monterey Jack cheese

Directions: Preheat oven to 400°F. Brown meat in large skillet; drain. Add 1/4 cup water and mexican cheese; stir until cheese is melted. Remove from heat. Stir in salsa. Spray 8inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Spread 1/4 of the meat mixture into dish; top with 2 tortillas. Repeat layers 2 times. Top with remaining meat mixture; sprinkle with shredded cheese. Cover tightly with foil. Bake 30 minutes. Remove foil. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Prep Time: 15 min. Total Time: 50 min. Makes & Servings

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3. Employment

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organizes activities for

seniors at Grayling Senior

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social services related field

and two years experience.

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offered.

Qualified candidates please

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Opening, 4476 M-72 West,

Grayling, MI 49738. No

PART TO FULL TIME

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Munson Avenue, Traverse

City, MI 49686. (-26-2/3)

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09, (-19-26/3)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

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fenced backyard. Ready to more into.

A great place to live or an up north get

away for you. #6073 \$79,900 in

Pete Kocefas

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Grayling R

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2. For Rent

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EFFICIENCY CABINS close to town. One \$370 per month, \$370 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities included, no pets. 348-5124. (-26/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments currently accepting

applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier list is apartment waiting These open. currently apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ 344-0020. Equal

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

COMMERCIAL BUILD-ING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-

VIKING mation. (03/26/09tf/2)

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Real Estate

8627. (-12-19-26-2/2)

Equal Housing Opportunity. Equal Housing Opportunity.
TDD 1-800-649-3777.

348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

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pulsouts, lazy susan, bay window, snack bar, appliance garage and Nutone food center. All appliances are included. Sun room/tamily room with vaulted cellings and sliding doors opens onto large deck with fenced in back yard. Nicely landscaped. C8-2792 \$109,000

RIVER FOREST APART-Hannah

2. For Rent

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LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Partly furnished, available in June. \$700 per month, one year lease and no pets. 248-701-2026 or 239-495-7545. (3/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments/houses for rent. Call 989-710-1194. (-19-26/2)

3. Employment

Looking for a gratifying job with a reputable

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Leelin Home Health Care, Inc has an immediate need

in the Grayling area for a Home Health Aide or CENA,

and is accepting applications in the surrounding areas.

Experience in personal care preferred. Scheduling

completed a month in advance with flexible hours for

your busy schedule. Please call our office at 1-800-

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Grayling Cooperative Preschool is recruiting for a

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instruction for 3 & 4 year olds. Requirements include

a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education or

child development. Interested persons should call

Grayling Recreation Authority is

accepting applications for 3 umpires for the upcoming softball season.

Season starts May 11th and tourna-

ments end around Labor Day. Games

are played at Hanson Hills in the

evenings Monday thru Thursday. With

a possibility of some weekends.

Qualified persons will have knowledge

of slow pitch softball and the rules set

forth by GRA. They will also possess leadership skills and be able to handle

274-0100 to schedule an interview. EOE

344-0958 for application packet.

conflicts as they arise.

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 1 and 2 bedroom apartments located in town. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-26-2/2)

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3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSI-TION Posting date: March 25, 2009, Position: Cook, Grayling High School. Work Year: student school days averaging not less than hours

day.Qualifications: school diploma; experience with food service preparation preferred. Additional information available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Michael Dunckel, Business Manager, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MΙ 49738. Deadline: March 31, 2009 noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-26/3)

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3. Employment

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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

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FOREST DUNES

Drug Free Workplace

Forest Dunes Golf Club

EOE

JOB FAIR

Saturday March 28, 2009 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Location Forest Dunes Clubhouse** 6376 Forest Dunes Drive, Roscommon, MI Accepting Application for the Following Positions:

Culinary Team

Seasonal Full Time Dishwasher (Nights) \$7.40 hour Seasonal Part Time Dishwasher (Days) \$7.40 hour Seasonal Full Time Line Cook \$8-\$10 hour Seasonal Part Time Line Cook \$8-\$10 hour Front of the House

Seasonal Full Time Breakfast/Lunch Server Monday - Friday Seasonal Full and Part Time Servers and Beverage Cart Staff Golf Operations

Seasonal Full Time Player Service Attendants \$7.40 hour Housekeeping Seasonal Full Time Housekeepers \$8-\$8.50 hour

Competitive wages, benefit packages, and employee privileges!

Drug Free Workplace No Phone Calls, please EOE

5. For Sale

SPRING TREE SALE Confirs, hardwoods and wildlife shrubs. Seedlings, transplants and plugs. Preorders due April 1st. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, Roscommon County Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon. 989-275-3163. (-12-19-26/5)

SHIH-TZU POO PUP-**PIES** All males, 7 weeks old, wormed and shots. If interested, call 989-701-5535. (-26-2/5)

6. Wanted

BUYING JUNK VEHI-**CLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto 989-348-5079. Parts, (LR6/25/09/6)

7. Miscellaneous

FOUND Ring in Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy parking lot. Call 348-2000. (-26/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

AUCTION MOVING March 28, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; glass; kitchen; household; collectibles; garage; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-26/8)

GUN & KNIFE SHOW Kalkaska Kaliseum March 28th & 29th Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4 22 Rille door prize J & J Sport Shows 1-800-968-5016

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Ben Chouinard

Sexton - City of Grayling

11. Automotive

CITY OF GRAYLING

Announcement!

Spring is in the air and the snow is slowly, but sure-

ly melting away. That means it is getting closer to

spring cleanup time. We are asking all residents

once the snow is gone and entrance to the cemetery

is viable, to please make an effort to remove all win-

ter adornments from the grave sites to allow for

spring cleanup to begin. We will not begin spring

cleanup prior to April 20th, 2009. This should be

adequate time to allow for the removal of all per-

sonal property from the cemetery. This does not

include heavy metal hanging brackets, heavy wood-

en signs or items alike. Please remember that our

leaf blowers and mowers have the tendency to blow

items off the head stones and we cannot guarantee

that any light items left will not be disposed of.

Residents will be able to replace the items after May

15th, 2009. This would allow for graves to be

adorned by the memorial weekend. The city would

like to thank all the residents for their understand-

ing and cooperation during this spring cleanup

process. Please contact the cemetery Sexton with questions or concerns in regards to this announce-

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM (No limit) Millionaire Party to benefit AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. Thursday through Sunday, March 26-29, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night at the Limberlost Poker Room, 4168 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake. State of Michigan License #M46175. Help us pay for our new shelter facility! For more information, call 710-0337. (-19-26/8)

COMMUNITY CALEN-DAR Place your organization's events on Crawford Community County's Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

BOOK FAIR Save up to 70% off retail on books and gifts, including Michigan titles. Thursday, April 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, April 3rd, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the Education building behind Mercy Hospital. Sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. (-26-2/8)

SPRING IS COMING At Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. We can help you design a grave marker that reflects the memory of your loved one. Call us at 989-348-2951 or check out available options www.sorensonlockwood.co m. (-26-2-9/8)



~In Memory~

We love and miss you and miss what could have been. Mom & Dad

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FLOWERS

BY JOSIE/Thanks A Latte' presents open mic night. Friday, April 3rd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please join us for another great evening. Anyone wanting to perform, please come early. Everyone is welcome. We will have drinks, pizza, soup and desserts. (-26-2/8)

WATERSHED ART PRO-JECT'S 2nd Annual Partnership Rendezvous will be held Saturday, April 4th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 203 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Fine artists and community leaders invited to attend for discussion of business of fine art and its relevance to the area. Guest speaker. Please RSVP to Marcia at 348-2933. (-26-2/8)

YOGA & TAI CHI classes with Kaye, Monday evenings for six weeks, \$50. Starts April 6 at Hardbodyz in Grayling. Call Kaye to register, 989-348-1722. (-26-2/8)

9. Personals

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/9)

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